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Dear Harold,

I agree with your letter on nomenclature of the AIDS retrovirus and I am ready to co-sign it.

I suggest to call isolates differing significantly in séquence (30 or 50 %) by a different Roman number : i.e. HIV, type I, type II etc.

Good luck and best regards,



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